

# House File 2279 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act adding the subject of Iowa agriculture education to  
2 the educational program standards established for school  
3 districts and accredited nonpublic schools and including  
4 effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2011,  
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 3. The following areas shall be taught in grades one through  
4 six: English-language arts, social studies, mathematics,  
5 science, health, age-appropriate and research-based human  
6 growth and development, physical education, traffic safety,  
7 music, and visual art. The health curriculum shall include the  
8 characteristics of communicable diseases including acquired  
9 immune deficiency syndrome. Unless offered in grades seven  
10 and eight, the social studies curriculum shall include the  
11 history of agriculture in Iowa and awareness of the global  
12 and technological importance of agriculture and conservation.  
13 Unless offered in grades seven and eight, the science  
14 curriculum shall include environment and natural resources,  
15 land stewardship, and biofuels and renewable energy. The state  
16 board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt curriculum  
17 definitions for implementing the elementary program.

18 4. The following shall be taught in grades seven and  
19 eight: English-language arts; social studies; mathematics;  
20 science; health; age-appropriate and research-based human  
21 growth and development; family, consumer, career, and  
22 technology education; physical education; music; and visual  
23 art. The health curriculum shall include age-appropriate  
24 and research-based information regarding the characteristics  
25 of sexually transmitted diseases, including HPV and the  
26 availability of a vaccine to prevent HPV, and acquired immune  
27 deficiency syndrome. Unless offered in grades one through  
28 six, the social studies curriculum shall include the history  
29 of agriculture in Iowa and awareness of the global and  
30 technological importance of agriculture and conservation.  
31 Unless offered in grades one through six, the science  
32 curriculum shall include environment and natural resources,  
33 land stewardship, and biofuels and renewable energy. The  
34 state board as part of accreditation standards shall adopt  
35 curriculum definitions for implementing the program in grades



1 mandates included in the bill.

2     The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.